

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1026

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Laurie Shipley upon her selection as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, in conjunction with Belk, will present the 23rd Annual Women of Distinction Awards, designating Laurie Shipley as a 2008 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing Chattanooga tradition, the Woman of Distinction Awards are granted to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional career accomplishments and their dedication to the community via their numerous and valuable civic and philanthropic endeavors; the honorees are selected from community nominations; and

WHEREAS, a leader in philanthropy for the arts, Laurie Shipley has worked assiduously and with uncommon devotion and zeal to improve the aesthetic quality of life of the fine citizens of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shipley is the director of development and marketing with Chattanooga's Department of Education Arts and Culture and an esteemed graduate of Leadership Chattanooga and the Holmberg Arts Institute; she also serves with acumen and alacrity as President of the Chattanooga affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the greater Chattanooga community, Mrs. Shipley serves on the editorial board of *In the City* arts magazine, in addition donating her time and talents to such worthy causes and organizations as the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Guild, the Rotary Club, the Chattanooga Music Club, the North Shore Chamber Board of Directors, the

Tennessee Valley Fundraising Institute, the Public Relations Society of America, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shipley bravely answered Uncle Sam's patriotic call to duty and valiantly served her country in the United States Navy as a naval oceanographic officer; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Laurie Shipley is most grateful to share both love and companionship with her husband, Tom, and their daughter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shipley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she now takes her rightful place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Laurie Shipley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Laurie Shipley on being named a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit and extending to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.